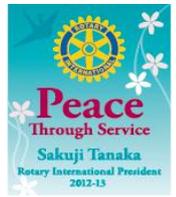




STRATHFIELD ROTARY NEWS

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August is Membership Month

TONIGHT'S MEETING

The Hon Tony Burke MP

*Tony is Member for Watson
 Minister for Sustainability, Environment,
 Water, Population and Communities_*

*Tony Burke was educated at Regina Coeli
 School Beverly Hills, then at St Patrick's
 College, Strathfield, where he was Vice-
 Captain, and the University of Sydney,
 where he graduated in arts and law.*

*On 22 March 2003, Tony was elected to
 the New South Wales Legislative Council.
 He chaired the NSW State Development
 Committee, conducting inquiries into
 ports infrastructure, and science and its
 commercialisation. Tony resigned from
 the NSW state parliament on 24 June
 2004 to campaign for the federal
 parliament division of Watson. He
 successfully gained the seat at the 2004
 federal election.*

RAY'S PUTTS

*Last Wednesday evening was DG Keith Roffey's Visit
 "Peace through Service" DG Keith was delighted with
 the theme for his year as it underlies and forms the
 basis for all our Rotarian ideals and initiatives.*

*DG Keith believes our service deals within the areas
 of peace and conflict prevention, disease prevention,
 water and sanitation, maternal and child health,
 basic education and literacy as well as economic and
 community development.*

*Clubs should focus on membership retention and
 membership growth equally. Whether we are 8 or 80
 we all can contribute positively to our club.*

*DG Keith looks forward to a happy and enjoyable
 year.*



*Keith's wife, Margaret presented Strathfield Rotary
 with a toy bear which we are required to dress and
 will be raffled during at the district conference in
 March 2013.*



Joe Saad gave an interesting and enjoyable Job Talk. Thankyou Joe it gave us a good insight into the responsibilities of a Lawyer.

Members please complete the commitment sheets that are circulating as we need **“all hands on deck”** to fulfil our obligations in the coming weeks.

President Ray

CLUB STATISTICS	25/07/2012
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Members	31
Apologies	8
Silent - non apologies	9
LOA	3
85'ers	2
	53

Partners:	
Nanette Duxbury	1
Marlene Smith	1
	2

Raffle	\$225.00
Sergeant	\$128.75
	\$353.75

Raffle Winners

- Domenic Alvaro
- Anuradha Kamkolkar

CONGRATULATIONS

BIRTHDAYS

1 August Pam Singh
4 August Grace Kim

Anniversaries

Nil

LAST WEEK'S MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESIDENT RAY Reminded the club that this was the last night our caterer, Ian McCleod, and his staff would be serving us due to the change of Golf Club catering arrangements. President Ray thanked Ian on behalf of our club for the service and cooperation over the past several years and wished him and his staff well for the future.



David Martin Planning for the Police Officer of the Year is progressing and will be held on 22 August 2012. Deputy Police Commissioner, Nick Kaldis and Kathryn Lacey, NSW Police Legacy will be in attendance.

Allan Teale Has arranged to meet with representatives of Homebush Boys High School to strengthen links with our club.

Anuradha Kamkolkar ROMAC presents Roger Woodward, Saturday 17 November 2012, 2.30pm - 4.30pm and 8pm - 10pm, at The Concert Hall on The Concourse, Chatswood.

Pianist and Australian National Treasure, Roger Woodward AC, OM, OBE, returns to his childhood

home of Chatswood to perform a 'festival of Chopin', in support of ROMAC (Rotary Oceania Medical Aid for Children).

A project of Rotary Districts in Australia and New Zealand, ROMAC assists "forgotten" children who are suffering from deformities, burns injuries, malformations or heart problems, and brings them to Australian hospitals for life saving and/or dignity-restoring surgery.

The afternoon concert will also feature the recently formed Ryde Hunters Hill Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of George Ellis (conductor) and Kirsten Williams (Concertmaster).

Peter Smith reported that about half of our members have paid their half-yearly dues.

The sum of \$10,000 has been received from Strathfield Council as a contribution towards our graffiti removal project.

Kevin Freund advised the club that PP Trevor Duxbury and Nanette Duxbury had been become Centurions. Certificates and pins were duly presented to Trevor and Nanette by DG Keith Roffey.



Roger Vince said Meriden Interact Club has raised a substantial amount of money from various events and is proposing to donate \$4,500 to The Hamlin Fistula Relief and Aid Fund. It is the only charity in Australia solely dedicated to supporting the Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital. The Addis Ababa Fistula Hospital was founded by Dr Catherine Hamlin AC and her late husband, Dr Reg Hamlin OBE.

Raymond McCluskie is the coordinator of the "great debate" and has announced "Bribery is sometimes acceptable" as the topic.

The teams arguing that "Bribery is sometimes acceptable" (Affirmative team) is Joe Saad (captain), Paul White and Keith Stockall

Arguing for the negative is Rod Rimes (captain), Emmanuel Vatalis and Andrew Kowalski

Adjudicator will be Paul Sarks from Burwood Club

FUTURE CLUB MEETINGS

DATE	PRESENTATION
8/08/2012	Club Debate Club Members
15/08/2012	Strathfield Girls High School
22/08/2012	Police Officer of the Year
29/08/2012	Murray Stone
5/09/2012	Local Government Election in Strathfield

FUTURE CLUB EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
25 & 26/8/2012	V8 Supercars - Program selling Eastern Creek
30/8/2012	Fellowship Evening Wok Inn - Homebush
2/09/2012	Muscle Cars- Program selling Eastern Creek
8/9/2012	BBQ – Australian Catholic University

Rotarians carry the Olympic torch



Rotarian Bob Izon carries the Olympic torch through Hereford, England, in May. Photo courtesy of Bob Izon

In 1958, Bob Izon ran the mile in world-record time in the under-16 age category, becoming the English schools champion.

But the most meaningful run of his life took place in May, when the founding member of the Rotary Club of Hereford Wye Valley, Herefordshire, England, carried the Olympic torch through his hometown.

Izon is one of several Rotarians who have carried the torch on its relay to the new Olympic Stadium in London for the opening ceremony of the 2012 Summer Olympics on 27 July.

"I consider myself very fortunate to have been chosen, as half the bearers are ages 15 to 25," he says. "It gave me a chance to pursue three objectives: inspire the younger generation, publicize Rotary's good works, and show that a diagnosis of Parkinson's disease does not always condemn one to a nonactive life."

Parkinson's disease

Izon was diagnosed with the disease in 1992 but has remained active as a Rotarian, a justice of the peace, and a school board member at St.

Paul's Church of England Primary School in Hereford.

The school's students and their parents lined the road on 24 May for Izon's portion of the torch relay. Members of his club bore a huge banner publicizing Rotary and their upcoming charity duck race. During an all-school assembly the next day, students spent more than two hours taking turns holding the torch that had carried the flame and having their photographs taken.

"The atmosphere within the school hall was highly emotional, and quite a few of us were close to tears," recalls Izon. "This was truly the most remarkable week in the 144-year history of the school."

Izon's Parkinson's is now largely under control. In 2003, he participated in a trial procedure at the University of Birmingham Hospital, in which electrodes were placed in his brain, alleviating many of the symptoms.

He has continued to participate in Rotary service projects. Serving as a volunteer dentist on a medical mission to help Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong years ago, he says, reminded him that millions lack access to health care.

"Having Parkinson's, being a school governor, being a Rotarian, these have all combined to give me an effective message," he says. "I can say to the kids, don't give in, and they believe it."

Other torchbearers

Ken Logan, a member of the Rotary Club of Braids, Lothian, Scotland, ran his segment of the relay in June. He was nominated in part for his role in an Edinburgh charity that delivers aid to Bosnia, for which he has raised over £10,000 through marathons and long-distance swimming.

Mike Thorn, a member of the Rotary Club of Cheam, Greater London, carried the torch through Kent in July.